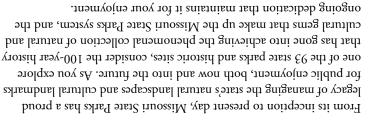


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enjoyable recreational experiences possible. prevent resource damage, keeping visitors safe and providing the most and historic sites. Additionally, operational procedures are in place to the backdrop for the many memories made in Missouri's state parks with the natural environments and historic landscapes that serve as carefully plan and develop recreational amenities that sympathize between resource protection and recreational access. Ieam members and cultural heritage. Missouri State Parks help maintain the balance that allow visitors to experience histhand the state's diverse natural park system also provides a wide range of recreational opportunities found within Missouri's state parks and historic sites, the Missouri state In addition to protecting the special natural and cultural resources

in care for future Missourians. makes certain these irreplaceable objects, structures and places are kept manage the vast collection of physical artifacts within the system. This Missouri State Parks, and employs various stewardship techniques to in preservation maintenance of the many historic structures within





archaeological surveys and reviews of historical understanding of Missouri's history through team members expand their knowledge and cultural, archaeological and historic resources, To protect the state's most exceptional

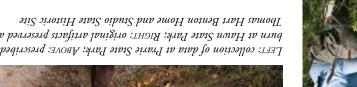
Missouri's natural heritage. ecological values and native plants and animals may long exemplify are protected, restored and managed to assure their scenic character, prairie, oak or shortleaf pine woodlands and Ozark glades, persist, they landscapes. Where historic natural environments, such as tallgrass dest-of-type native park ecosystems as Missouri natural areas or legacy like spaces as state park wild areas, and distinguishes the most notable natural landscapes, Missouri State Parks preserves large wildernessrecognition and protection are afforded to the state's most noteworthy prescribed hre and invasive vegetation removal. To make sure special species inventory and monitoring, and stewardship activities, such as

natural resources include scientific research and data collection through

Examples of management tools used to oversee the state park systems

protect Missouri's natural and cultural estate for future generations. management activities Missouri State Parks team members employ to those resources. This mission is what guides all stewardship and resource and to provide outstanding recreational opportunities compatible with state's most outstanding natural landscapes and cultural landmarks, mission of Missouri State Parks, which is to preserve and interpret the resources of a state park or state historic site helped to establish the The statute's emphasis on valuing the significant natural and cultural

distinctive characteristics or natural features." because of its scenic, historic, prehistoric, archeologic, scientific, or other





of recreational value or of cultural value state park as "any land, site or object primaril Missouri Revised Statutes, which describes a was further refined by Chapter 253 of the visitors also to enjoy them." This definition enjoy them, [and] to encourage out-of-state

resources, to provide opportunities for the people of Missouri to the state park system: to "preserve Missouri's scenic and recreational led to the creation of a formal plan in 1938, which defined the role of expansion of the Missouri state park system in the 1920s and 30s. This the state's citizenty for outdoor recreation spaces was followed by a rapid This mindset held true for Missourians as well. The growing desire of

on public officials to preserve them for public enjoyment. tamilies aspired to travel to see these destinations firsthand, and called automobile and a rapidly improving highway system, individuals and As the population became increasingly mobile with the advent of the natural world, as well as a desire to protect these spectacular locations. began experiencing a burgeoning interest in historic landscapes and the 19th and early 20th century explorers and travel writers, Americans launch the National Park System. Spurred on by popular works of late that began in the late 19th century, the same movement that helped Missouri can be traced to an earlier national preservation movement of a state park fund. However, the idea of a state park system for of the state park system, which had its start in 1917 with the creation In 2017, Missouri State Parks commemorated the 100th anniversary

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A Message From the Governor and First Lady



As farmers, we've always appreciated the beauty of nature and what it brings to our lives. From providing food on the table to offering a peaceful respite from the busyness of life, our natural resources are a gift. And being a good steward of those resources is an

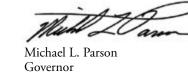
With 93 state parks and historic sites, our state park system offers you a multitude of opportunities to get outside and connect with nature and our cultural heritage. Whether you are a veteran parks visitor or a first-time tourist, we welcome you.

Missouri State Parks strives to preserve and interpret the finest examples of Missouri's natural landscapes. Throughout the state, you'll find prairies and forests, lakes and streams, mountains and canyons. Each park offers its own display of beauty, each

If you enjoy history, Missouri state parks and historic sites will help you travel back in time. Visit a state historic site and see how some of Missouri's finest cultural landmarks have been preserved. From touring the historic home of a past president to visiting covered bridges and historic mills, you can get a glimpse of how life used to be. Don't orget to visit Missouri's first state capitol as well as the homes of famous Missourians, such as Nathan and Olive Boone, Scott Joplin and Mark Twain.

You can also find many outdoor recreational opportunities throughout the state parks. Explore Missouri, and you'll find scenic overlooks that provide amazing views, miles of trails for hiking, biking or horseback riding, and ample places to camp, as well as numerous other outdoor activities, such as fishing, kayaking, spelunking and even playing a round of disc golf.

We encourage you to get outside and make some memories at a Missouri state park!



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FRONT COVER: camping at Taum Sauk Mountain State Park.

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MB = Mountain biking SHS = State historic site MC = Museum/center SP = State park MT = Motel 0 = Open shelter/structure = Available B = Swimming beach* OC = Outpost cabinBP = Backpacking trail OT = Other swimming

BR = Bike rental P = PoolCC = Camper cabin

PD = PondR = RiverRA = Boat ramp E = Enclosed shelter/structure S = Stream

SG = Self-guided tour W = WaterWR = Watercraft rental HS = Hard surface L = LakeY = Yurt

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*Water quality tested **Retail selections vary by facility. For more information or what items are available, contact the facility. ***Self-guided tour - Tour is not led y an interpreter, but interpretive panels are provided. Guided tour – Tour is led by an nterpreter, this includes both panels and verbal narrative on the specific site.

ese facilities preserve a part of Missouri's history but do not offer any of the amenities sted on the grid: Gov. Daniel Dunklin's Grave, Jewell Cemetery, Locust Creek Covered Bridge, Sappington African American Cemetery, Sappington Cemetery, Towosahgy and

Memories of Adventure

You can begin creating memories as soon as you enter a Missouri state park or historic site, and there are endless opportunities for adventure awaiting you. From hiking through ancient forests, to exploring a mysterious cave, to paddling on crystal-clear waters, we offer perfect places to embark on adventures that you will always remember, even if your definition of adventure is relaxing under a shade tree with a good book or learning more about Missouri's rich and varied cultural history.

TRAILS

There is no better way to find memorable adventure than by setting out on a new trail, and you'll find some of Missouri's very best trails in our state parks. More than 60 of our parks and historic sites together form an extraordinary system of trails totaling more than 1,000 miles – not just for hiking, but also for walking, backpacking, bicycling, horseback riding and paddling. Our trails offer something for virtually everyone who hears adventure calling.

HOOFING IT Walking trails provide a way for visitors of all abilities to explore state parks at their own pace, while hiking and backpacking trails take the more adventurous into some of the state's most remote and ruggedly beautiful areas. For a different trail adventure, saddle up a horse and experience a bit of what it was like for explorers and pioneers who traveled through Missouri when it was still wild and unsettled.

ROLLING ALONG Hitting the trail on a bicycle is another great way to have adventurous fun at a Missouri state park or historic site. Twenty-seven of our facilities offer trails designed for bicycles, and four parks have bicycles for rent. Biking trail surfaces vary from hard-packed and paved to natural. Mountain bikers can choose from a range of challenging trails with all types of terrain, including the bicycle pump track at Finger Lakes State Park and the skills course at Echo Bluff State Park – both favorites of avid mountain bikers. Anyone who likes getting off-road on all-terrain vehicles can find trails made especially for them at both St. Joe and Finger Lakes state parks.

PADDLE POWER Lakes and streams might not be isidered trails, but at Missouri State Parks, we think paddling along in a canoe or kayak is a great way to find adventure. Six of our parks offer water trails that visitors can use to explore what they have to offer: Finger Lakes, Ha Ha Tonka, Lake of the Ozarks, St. Joe, Stockton and Wakonda state parks.

With more than 40 state parks offering access to rivers, streams or lakes, you can find endless ways to make lifelong memories of adventure on Missouri waters. Our state parks offer a range of facilities for boaters, from full-service marinas on major lakes to simple boat ramps and docks. You can also cast off from state parks to find floating adventure on some of Missouri's best paddling streams. And, many state parks rent canoes and kayaks. Of course, some of the best memories can be made with a fishing rod in hand. From wading in a stream, to testing your fly-fishing skill against elusive trout, to relaxing on a lake bank with a worm and bobber, you can have your style of fishing fun at a Missouri state park. Then, when the hot sun threatens your summer fun, head to one of our swimming beaches to cool off and beat the heat.

Make Your Reservations

Most shelter reservations can be made online or by calling the park or state historic site.

Camping Reservation Information

More than 3,500 campsites are available for reservation at 38 state park and historic site campgrounds. You can call or go online beginning 12 months in advance and up until 7 p.m. on the day of arrival.

TO MAKE A **RESERVATION**

— Call toll-free 877-ICampMO (877-422-6766) 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. CT seven days a week.

Or visit mostateparks.com 24 hours a day.

RESERVATION FEES**

To MAKE a reservation*

\$ 6.50 – General Camping **\$ 6.50** – Group Tent Area *Same-day reservations do no have a reservation fee **Call Center:**

\$ 8.00 - General Camping \$ 8.00 – Group Tent Area

To CHANGE a reservation \$ 5.25 - General Camping \$ 10.00 - Group Tent Area

To CANCEL a reservation Website/Call Center: \$ 10.00 - General Camping **\$ 10.00** – Group Tent Area

**The reservation fee applies to each site reserved for a future arrival date, whether for one or 15 days, and is

there are various options for payment, including camping coupons and gift cards. Check mostateparks. com for more information about camping reservations and payment requirements.

Stay the Night **CAMPING OPPORTUNITIES**

Pack up your tent or stock up your recreational vehicle for a great way to experience nature and explore Missouri's state parks. Thirty-eight reservable campgrounds provide more than 3,500 campsites for everyone – from walk-in sites tucked away in the trees to drive-in sites ready for today's modern RVs. Facilities range from basic sites to sites with sewer, water and electric service.

CAMPING SEASON AND RATES

Camping is available year-round at many state parks, with water turned off in the campgrounds for much of the winter season. The camping on-season for most state parks is April 1 through Oct. 31. At Roaring River, Bennett Spring and Montauk, the on-season begins Feb. 25. Some northern parks begin on-season operations April 15. The on-season for Table Rock State Park runs from March through November.

Camping rates vary depending on the park or historic site, the time of year and the type of utilities available (water, sewer, electric). Nine state park campgrounds offer value camping with lower rates, depending on the day and season. More than 1,200 campsites offer 50-amp electrical service, ideal for contemporary recreational vehicles. To see each facility's camping rates, visit mostateparks.com.

A \$2 per night camping discount is available year-round for senior citizens (65 years and older); people with disabilities; and military personnel (retired, veteran and active-duty). Proof of age, disability or military status is required at check-in. Visit mostateparks.com for more



Table Rock State Park

CAMPING TYPES AND AREAS There's a campsite tailored just for you and your next visit to a Missouri State Parks campground. You can choose from a secluded walk-in site; a basic campsite; or a paved pad with sewer, water and electric hookups

for your recreational vehicle.

For those wanting to camp with their family and friends, family campsites are a great solution. These sites consist of two camping pads, as well as two tables, grills and lantern posts so everyone can share in the fun Hearty appetites go hand in hand with state park and good times together.

There are campgrounds designed for equestrian users in four state parks; 12 organized group camps in seven state parks; and special-use camping areas for nonprofit organizations and others, in many state parks. The Pin Campground stores are also available to pick up snacks Oak Facility at Lake of the Ozarks State Park features a lodge, a group camp, cabins and recreational facilities. Several of the parks with backpacking trails offer primitive camping in designated areas along the trails. Check the grid in this brochure for more information on where these and other special camping areas are located.

SPENDING THE NIGHT

Reserve a site in advance by taking advantage of the Centralized Reservation System. All reservable campsites that are not reserved may be available by walk-up registration.

At most state parks, single-night reservations are allowed on the weekend. Parks that require a two-night minimum stay on the weekend (Friday/Saturday or Saturday/Sunday) are Big Lake, Lake of the Ozarks, Mark Twain, Pershing, St. Joe, Stockton, Table Rock, Wakonda, Wallace and Watkins Mill state parks.

EXPERIENCE CAMPING WITH COMFORTABLE LODGING

If you crave the fun of camping and prefer a more comfortable lodging experience, Missouri State Parks offers several options.

Enjoy the perfect home away from home with lodging opportunities ranging from rustic cabins to modern motel rooms with all the amenities.

Camper Cabins

A camper cabin, a cross between a housekeeping cabin and a campsite, gives the feeling of camping without the hassle. Bring your own sleeping bag and enjoy the comforts of electricity, heating and air conditioning, and access to campground amenities.

Camper cabins are available at Johnson's Shut-Ins, Mark Twain, Stockton, Pomme de Terre and Lake Wappapello state parks. Lake of the Ozarks State Park offers Outpost cabins that are similar to camper cabins.

Premium camper cabins are offered at Big Lake State Park. In addition to electricity, heating and air conditioning, these premium cabins offer running

Yurts

For a more tent-like experience, try a yurt at Lake of the Ozarks or Pomme de Terre State Park. A yurt is a circular structure with a fabric cover and a wooden frame, making it strong and weather tight. The yurts feature the comforts of electricity, heating and air onditioning, and access to campground amenities.

The premium yurt at Table Rock State Park offers running water, a full kitchen and a restroom, in addition to electricity, heating and air conditioning.

Cabins and Duplexes

There is a cabin to fit everyone's taste and interest. Cabins built in the 1930s retain the rustic feel, but have been renovated and updated for today's visitors. Cabins and modern duplexes and fourplexes vary between each park and provide a cozy setting for two people or an entire family.

Six state parks offer modern motel rooms for overnight guests. Lodging is available seasonally at most state parks, while a few offer accommodations year-round. With all the comforts of home, they provide the perfect place to stay as you explore Missouri's state parks.

adventures. For those who don't want to fix their own meals, 13 state parks have dining facilities that range from modern restaurants and rustic dining lodges offering full meals to a simple grill for a quick snack.

and groceries in many locations.

MISSOURI STATE PARKS HISTORIC SITES MAP

STATE PARKS AND STATE HISTORIC SITES OPEN TO THE PUBLIC DURING THE 2023 SEASON

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Big Lake State Park

Finger Lakes State Park

Lake of the Ozarks State Park

Thomas Hart Bento

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Missouri State Museum

Lake of the Ozarks

COLUMBIA

Mark Twain

Mark Twain

Birthplace

Keeping the Past Alive MISSOURI'S CULTURAL **RESOURCES** History is all around you at Missouri state parks, and each state park and state historic site has its own unique stories to tell. Visitors are encouraged to learn about the state's fascinating past as they Deutschheim State Historic Site

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Eleven Point

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tour the historic homes of famous Missourians, explore the settlements of early French and German immigrants, wander across somber Civil War battlefields, appreciate the enduring rustic architecture of the Civilian Conservation Corps, stroll across the landscape of an American Indian village, or learn about the many contributions of Missouri's Black Americans, Missouri State Parks preserves and interprets numerous examples of the state's most outstanding cultural landmarks, including buildings, structures and archaeological sites, many of which are recognized nationally for their historical significance. The Missouri State Parks system contains close to 240 properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places, either listed individually or as contributing features to one of 19 NRHP-listed

historic districts, and boasts

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State Capitol

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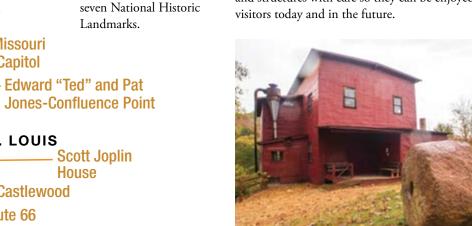
Sandy Creek Covered Bridge

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partners and other stakeholders.



Watkins Woolen Mill State Historic Site

Stewardship of our cultural resources is a



Visitors can help Missouri State Parks protect these invaluable cultural resources by leaving artifacts in place and treating historic buildings and structures with care so they can be enjoyed by





Hunter-Dawson State Historic Site

Johnson's Shut-Ins State Park

MISSOURI'S NATURAL AREAS

Missouri has a wide array of natural landscapes, wildlife, native plant life and geologic story. There are tall grass prairies, deep forests, deep caves, Ozark bluffs, cypress swamps and crystal-clear streams. Some natural features, such as the attractive gladedwelling yellow coneflower, are unique to the

Some of our state's most special natural places have been designated as Missouri natural areas. These unique locations are home to today's most unusual natural environments, the richest native flora, strongest native fauna, most distinctive bird communities and many of our rare plants and animals.

Explore Missouri's state parks and you'll experience some of the most spectacular natural places found anywhere. In fact, you may even feel as if you have stepped back in time and are an explorer or settler experiencing Missouri's natural environment for the very first time.

During your excursions, you can discover remnant Meramec State Park, bottomland forests and marsh at Annie and Abel Van Meter State Park, a cypress swamp at Big Oak Tree State Park, flatwoods at Taum Sauk Mountain State Park, old-growth oak woodlands at Sam A. Baker State Park, and pinewoods at Hawn State Park, just to name a few.

Currently, there are 192 designated natural areas across the state, 39 of which are located in Missouri's state parks, offering the very best remaining examples of our state's original natural landscapes. These special locations were given the Missouri natural area designation to provide ongoing management and protection of our state's invaluable natural heritage for future generations

ACTIVITIES | AMENITIES



& Making Our Parks Accessible

So that our state parks can be used and enjoyed by everyone, we make our facilities accessible to all people, regardless of abilities. Look for this symbol to identify campsites, showerhouses, picnic areas, fishing docks and other areas that are accessible. For more details about accessibility in Missouri State Parks, visit mostateparks.com\accessibility-information.